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Enclosed are:

[X] 29 page(s) of specification, 1 page(s) of Abstract, 17 page(s) of claims

[X] 27 sheets of drawing (Figs. 1-19) [X] formal [ ] informal

[X] 3 page(s) of Declaration and Power of Attorney

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[X] Copy from prior application

[X] Copy of Associate Power of Attorney

[ ] Deletion of inventors including Signed Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(2)

[ ] Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the combined declaration and power of attorney is supplied herein, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is incorporated herein by reference.

[ ] Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

[ ] \_\_\_\_\_ page(s) of Sequence Listing

- ☐ computer readable disk containing Sequence Listing  
☐ Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f) that computer and paper copies of the Sequence Listing are the same
- ☐ Claim for Priority
- ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- ☐ English translation documents
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Copy of \_\_\_\_ cited references
- ☒ Copy of PTO-1449 filed in parent application serial No. 08/889,319.
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return receipt postcard (MPEP 503)
- ☒ Assignment Papers (assignment cover sheet and assignment documents)
- ☒ Assignment papers filed in parent application Serial No. 08/889,319.
- ☐ Certification of chain of title pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).
- ☒ This application is a continuation of prior US patent application serial no. 08/889,319, filed July 7, 1997 which is a continuation-in-part (C-I-P) of prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/707,660, filed September 4, 1996, now issued US Patent No. 5,794,207, each of which is incorporated in its entirety by reference herein.
- ☒ Cancel in this application original claims 2-97 of the parent application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
- ☐ A preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this Amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.
- ☒ The status of the parent application is as follows:
- ☐ A Petition For Extension of Time and a Fee therefor has been or is being filed in the parent application to extend the term for action in the parent application until \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time in the co-pending parent application is attached.
- ☒ No Petition For Extension of Time and Fee therefor are necessary in the co-pending parent application.
- ☐ Please abandon the parent application at a time while the parent application is pending or at a time when the petition for extension of time in that application is granted and while this application is pending has been granted a filing date, so as to make this application co-pending.
- ☐ Transfer the drawing(s) from the patent application to this application.

☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending application Serial No.08/889,319, filed July 8, 1997 which is continuation-in-part of application serial no. 08/707,660, filed September 4, 1996, now US Patent No.5,794,207.

I. CALCULATION OF APPLICATION FEE (For Other Than A Small Entity)

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Multiple Dependent Claims	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no				Additional Fee = \$260.00 Add'l Fee = NONE \$0

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☐ A statement claiming small entity status is attached or has been filed in the above-identified parent application and its benefit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a) is hereby claimed. Reduced fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(F) (50% of total) paid herewith \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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